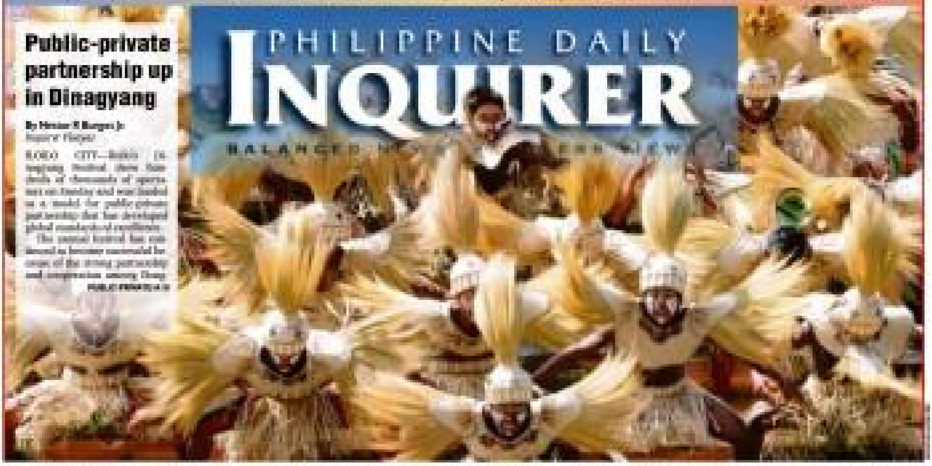
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Public-private partnership up in Dinagyang

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—Iloilo's ...

THIS TIME, ILOILO

Dominguez fears for life, turns self in



POLICE CUSTODY Suspected car theft gang leader Raymond Dominguez arrives at Camp General Alejo Santos in Malolos, Bulacan.

Man linked to slays under PNP custody

By Carmela Reyes-Estrope and Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon
and Nancy C. Carvajal in Manila

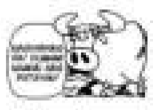
CAMP GENERAL ALEJO SANTOS, Bulacan—An alleged car theft gang leader who had posted bail on various criminal charges at least 15 times before, has turned himself in, denying any role in the gruesome back-to-back murders of car dealers Venson Evangelista and Emerson Lozano.

Raymond Dominguez, 26, placed himself under the custody of the Bulacan police on Saturday night, and his lawyer said that Dominguez's brother ... and his brother were involved in the murders.

"This is not a surrender. I sought police custody ... because we have not done anything wrong. The accusations against us are not true," Dominguez, speaking in Filipino ...

Raymond, a native of ...

DOMINGUEZ A6



Believe it or not: Car theft cases down, says PNP

By Nancy C. Carvajal

STEALING CARS—and murdering their owners—may be the hottest and scariest news ... but, believe it or not, cases of car theft in the country have actually gone down, according to the Philippine National Police.

Citing statistics, a report to ... Leonardo Espina, head of the ...

BELIEVE A12

End project guarantees, gov't urged

By Eli C. Cabacungan Jr.

SAN MIGUEL CORP. (SMC) is urging President Aquino to drop all state guarantees for projects under the public-private partnership (PPP) program, including railroads, toll ways, seaports and airports.

"The Philippine government should not make any guarantee in any form. ..." SMC president Ramon S. Ang said in a recent interview with the Inquirer at the SMC headquarters in Ortigas Center in Pasig City.

Ang urged Mr. Aquino to ...

END PROJECT A6

SC pressed on live trial coverage

By Marlon Ramos

A GROUP of journalists is pressing the Supreme Court to grant its demand for live coverage of the ongoing trial of the Maguindanao massacre, saying this is not a special privilege for media but a recognition of the people's right to know.

In a reply to defense lawyers opposing the petition, the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP) argued that ...

SC PRESSED A6

School of Tomorrow: Credits from life experience

SPECIAL REPORT

By Winnie A. Monsod
Contributor

FORMER Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr.'s ... is launching this week a novel executive program at the University of Makati (UMak) that will enable state employees to make lifelong dreams come true ... "School of Tomorrow" to good governance.

The unique program will kick off with an intensive seminar in good barangay governance ... The executive program is a joint project of the college and the ... Center for Good Governance ...

SCHOOL A7

UP student 2010 World SuperModel

By Thelma Sioson San Juan
Lifestyle Editor

A 17-YEAR-OLD student of the University of the Philippines, whose body has been described as the "perfect designer's body" ... has been chosen the World SuperModel 2010 in New York over the weekend by the ... modeling institution, Ford Models.

... bested young aspiring models from more than 40 countries. This is the first time a Filipina ...

UP STUDENT A17



FILIPINO ... SuperModel of the World 2010, with runners-up ...

Seton Hall president is Filipino

By Tara Quismundo

IN ONE of his visits home, ... Gabriel Esteban found himself ... for his favorite food ...

"Other than the food, I miss the sights and sounds of Manila ..." he said in an e-mail interview with the Inquirer.

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Gun rap filed vs hostage-taker's brod

By Marlon Ramos

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice (DOJ) has ordered the indictment of the policeman brother of slain hostage-taker Rolando Mendoza for carrying an unlicensed pistol at the height of the Aug. 23, 2010, hostage fiasco at the Luneta in Manila.

Death penalty no deterrent to crime, say senators

By TJ Burgonio

Showdown over RH bill today

Senate hearing on crime still on

By TJ Burgonio

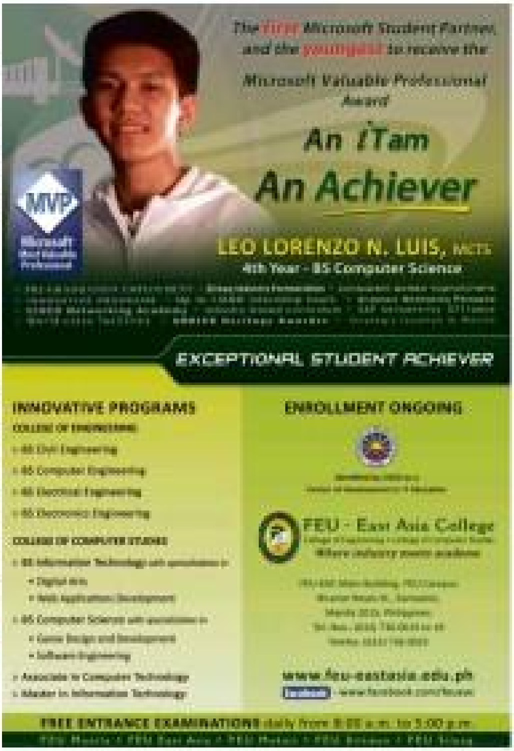
Rains 'alarming' for rice crop—NFA

By Kristine L. Alave

Botanist's kin mull raps vs gov't, military









Watchdog urges Comelec to prepare for elections in ARMM, just in case

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More Koreans apply for study permits after BI crackdown

Solid evidence

Follow immigration laws

THE DAILY GOSPEL

PCOS machines finally on way to resolve poll protest cases

By Jerome Aning

MORE than eight months after the holding of the country's first automated polls, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) has finally ordered the deployment of Precinct Count Optical Scan (PCOS) machines to the different regional trial courts (RTCs) in which local election protest cases remain pending.

In a resolution, the commission en banc spelled out the details for deploying the PCOS machines to the courts for the authentication of the official ballots and specified the amount to be charged for their use.

In RTCs where there are one to five election protest cases pending, three PCOS machines, including one backup machine, would be sent, the poll body said.

Six PCOS machines, including one backup, would be sent to courts handling six to 10 protest cases.

The Comelec said it would charge P5,000 for the use of each machine.

"The fee will be exclusive of the honorarium of PCOS technicians and costs of accessories and consumables of the PCOS machines," the Comelec resolution said.

The Comelec purchased last year [illegible] PCOS machines from its poll automation service contractor, Smartmatic Philippines, for use in resolving election protests.

The Comelec said the date of delivery of the PCOS machines to the RTCs would be the subject of a separate resolution since they are still awaiting a final report on the exact number of pending cases in RTCs.

Under election laws, RTCs have original jurisdiction over municipal election contests. On the other hand, the Comelec's two divisions hear cases on the city, provincial and regional levels. Such cases usually entail a vote recount or revision.

For municipal cases, an RTC normally has up to 30 days to render judgment on a case six months after the case was filed.

End project guarantees, gov't urged

South Luzon Expressway

Burden on taxpayers

Reasonable return

Low toll, fare

Deter dummies, brokers

Missing sailboat with Americans on board found

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LET'S SAVE LAGUNA LAKE
REBUILD A PRODUCTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY

LET us rise beyond our personal interests and work towards the good of the greater majority — as the Jesuits would say being a man for others. Laguna de Bay is a beautiful creation of God for the benefit of man to live on. The lake which has a total basin area of 382,000 hectares, a size bigger than Singapore and a surface area of about 90,000 hectares could supply the water requirements of Metro Manila and most of the Provinces in the CALABARZON. About 13 million (2008) Filipinos call this place their home. It is also a major source of food for the growing population of the premiere metropolis of the country. It is strategically located in the middle of the most progressive region in the country providing several transportation modalities. Given its size, the lake at one time served as the "floodwater reservoir" of Metro Manila and the Provinces of Rizal and Laguna saving them from excessive flooding. Properly utilized, Laguna de Bay could generate many livelihood opportunities in the areas of agriculture, food, transportation, tourism, environmental management and water supply among others.

However, over the past decades, we have witnessed the rapid deterioration of the biggest lake with the former LLDA General Manager Edgardo Manda stating that the lake "has virtually become the biggest septic tank of human and industrial wastes from Metro Manila." The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in 2005 and a study from the University of the Philippines in Los Baños found the water quality of the lake has worsen with parameters exceeding the criteria for Class C waters and some parts of the lake containing toxic metals such as lead, zinc copper and chromium. Fish kills are now a regular occurrence in the lake to the detriment of the consuming public and the hundreds of thousands relying on the lake for their livelihood.

The continuing deforestation, upsurge in inland fisheries, and unabated abuse of the land uses surrounding the lake have aggravated the deposition of sediments on the lake bottom making the average depth of the lake 2.5 meters, a far cry from the 6-meter average decades ago. Life, property, and livelihood of the millions who locate near or around the lake will suffer when it rains heavily in the area. And this will only worsen if nothing is immediately done to mitigate the rapid destruction of the lake and the deterioration of the watershed that surrounds it.

Together with the Laguna community, we would like to save the lake. We are determined to work towards saving the homes, the livelihood and more importantly the future of the millions of people who depend on the lake. However, we could not do this alone as too much damage has been done over the past decades. **This must be a collective effort — we all need your support and understanding Mr. President to lead all efforts in saving Laguna de Bay.**

The Laguna community will take the first step by proposing solutions to start the rehabilitation and cleansing process of Laguna de Bay.

1. Let us make a summit call on all LGUs that are part of the Laguna de Bay basin to make the necessary changes in their land uses that are damaging to the sustainability of the lake.

2. We will draw the following physical plans that should be a win-win approach to development and environmental protection:

➢ Building of environmental-friendly and multiple use embankments (dikes) to prevent siltation of the lake and the unabated inflow of flood waters. The embankments will be designed to serve as a circumferential highway, lakeshore baywalk and open areas such as parks to provide an alternative but very scenic transportation route to the lakeshore towns of both Laguna and Rizal. This will not only be a stimulus to the region's economy with the huge investments required but will also serve as a catalyst to tourism and livelihood development. An initial phase that has a high impact value will be an alternate lakeshore highway that connects the SLEX to the town of Bay in Laguna. This will open up the large 4th District of Laguna to development and will help protect the lake from siltation and degrading land uses.

➢ Dredging of the major tributaries like the Pagsanjan-Lumban River to greatly reduce the vulnerability of communities to flooding and make the rivers tourist attractions given the rich natural surroundings of most of these tributaries.

➢ Development of a tourism-oriented ferry and boat system that will both serve as a mode of travel between lakeshore towns and as tourist transportation for sight-seeing in the lake and its tributaries.

➢ Building of water impoundment structures to harness run-off water for water supply and flood control.

➢ Deliberate and sustainable watershed management to stop siltation of the lake at the source and to ensure the abundance of water in the area. "Rainforestation" activities will be livelihood oriented and supportive of tourism endeavours.

➢ Aligning the cultivation of fish along environmental friendly and pro-people principles. This means greater involvement of a greater number of constituents in sustainable food production from the lake.

➢ Given the huge number of "informal settlers" (around 400,000) in the lakeshore areas that dump their wastes into the lake and also hinder the drainage channels because of "chaotic" settlements and land uses, a community-based settlement plan will be drawn that will highlight a moral and values framework to make the "informal settlers" productive and responsible members of the community.

➢ Common waste treatment facilities will be set up in strategic locations to process the generated wastes in the area into recyclable forms generating livelihood opportunities and at the same time protecting the environment of the lake.

➢ Development of tourism activities and facilities that helps protect the "attraction value" of the region and that safeguards the environment from destructive uses. Tourism is a self-preserving industry. No tourist will come to a place that loses its attraction of beauty, cleanliness and security.

➢ Phased restoration of Laguna de Bay's ability to serve as a reservoir for floodwaters. A technical feasibility will be undertaken to find the most optimal approach in restoring the lake's ability to absorb the floodwaters and to be the biggest source of water for the region.

3. Strengthening the institutional capacity of the Laguna Lake Development Authority to progressively oversee with the Provincial Governments of Laguna and Rizal the conversion of Laguna de Bay to a "living lake for the greater majority and the greater good."

Mr. President, we will be constructive in our approach to address a very serious problem that faces us today with the deterioration of Laguna de Bay. We seek your support to help jumpstart "Let's Save Laguna Lake — Rebuild a Productive and Healthy Community."

LET US START NOW WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME TO SAVE OUR BELOVED LAGUNA LAKE

From
GOVERNOR JEORGE "E.R." EJERCITO ESTREGAN
and all the
THIRTY (30) MAYORS of the PROVINCE OF LAGUNA



HON. JEORGE "E.R." EJERCITO ESTREGAN
Governor of the Province of Laguna

Farmers, fishermen want to be heard in peace talks

By Leila B. Salaverria

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NPA leader not a peace talks adviser, insists gov't

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Side mechanism

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Terms of release

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I'm not a groupie but a loyal Aquino appointee–Llamas

Changes seen in Cabinet

Chinese diplomat hopes NorthRail on track soon

AN OPEN LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY BENIGNO S. AQUINO III
ON THE POWER SUPPLY CRISIS IN THE SPUG-SERVED ISOLATED ISLANDS

The Association of Isolated Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AIEC) is composed of 39 isolated electric cooperatives distributing electricity, since 1970, in the remotest islands all over the archipelago, from Batanes to Cagayan de Sulu;

The National Power Corporation – Small Power Utilities Group (NPC-SPUG) is mandated under Sec. 70 – Missionary Electrification, Chapter VIII, of RA 9136 otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA), to provide power generation and its associated power delivery systems in areas that are not connected to the transmission system in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao;

These 39 electric cooperatives, having a total household connections of 652,879 or 3.2 Million Filipinos are having power supply curtailment and black-outs due to the present dwindling diesel fuel supply of NPC-SPUG. This would mean social unrest, losses in economic activities, particularly in local tourism industries and investors' loss of confidence in rural economies.

The Present Government's VISION and desire to implement economic revolution in the rural areas, particularly in the remotest isolated islands, by mitigating the migration of people to the urban centers, will be jeopardized if and when this impeding crisis will not be resolved expeditiously.

The crisis in diesel power supply has already happened that has resulted to power black-outs in Tablas Island in Romblon and Polillo Island in Quezon and by the end of January, 2011 all the other islands under NPC-SPUG will experience the same.

Therefore, we, the Officers and Members of the AIEC as well as the thousands of our member consumers are appealing to His Excellency, Benigno S. Aquino III, to forestall this crisis by taking a direct and decisive action on this matter so as not to deprive the 3.2 Million Filipinos of the benefits of one of the basic necessities – ELECTRICITY.

January 18, 2011, Quezon City, Philippines.

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Dominguez fears for life, turns self in

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Roaming without handcuffs

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Murder charges filed

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Still a no-show

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ALFREDO Mendiola (left), one of the suspects in the killing of car trader Venson Evangelista, is escorted by policemen to the Quezon City Regional Trial Court.

Villanueva relieved

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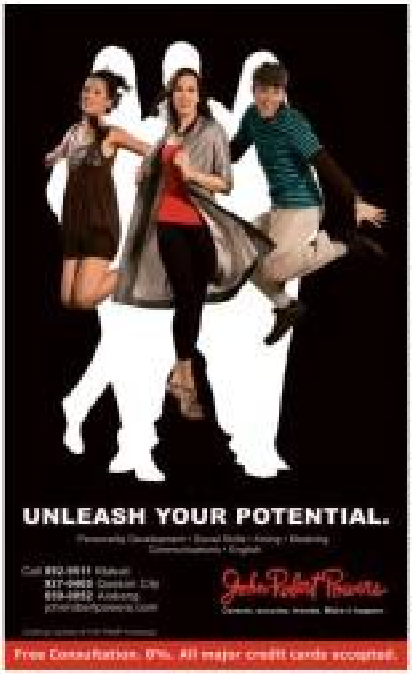
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Bulacan police chief sacked

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

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GMA: Presidency was mine by right of succession



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Navy buying used US cutter



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OPINION

Solved?

Editorial

WE CAN understand the source of optimism. After a successful raid on an apartment in San Fernando, Pampanga believed to be used by the suspects in the recent series of gruesome carjacking-murders, and the surrender of two suspects, Philippine National Police chief Director General Raul Bacalzo issued a statement saying the set of developments "effectively solved" the murders of Venson Evangelista, Emerson Lozano and Ernane Sensil.

Chief Supt. Alan Purisima, police director for Central Luzon, seconded the motion in part, telling the Inquirer that Evangelista's murder was considered solved "in the sense that we have evidence versus the suspects and that we have in our custody the two suspects," and that the evidence in the death of the other two victims was being corroborated.

The intense PNP campaign that led to the search of the residence and the surrender of suspects Alfred Mendiola and Ferdinand Parulan deserves to be commended. But it is simply not true that the case has been solved.

Bacalzo is indulging in a linguistic sleight of hand when he says the cases are "effectively"—meaning virtually—solved. What he means is that the prosecution's case against the suspects, including the possible masterminds, has been greatly strengthened by the statements of the two suspects who surrendered for fear of their lives and the discovery of key evidence at the apartment (including Evangelista's partially burned driver's license; a 9-mm pistol that might have been used in the murders; duct tape; and two 20-liter kerosene cans that may have been used to burn the victims' bodies and the vehicles). This is an important step forward, but it is not the solution.

We have scored the police many times before, for using the filing of legal cases with the proper courts as its definition of "case solved"—in other words, when the process, the paperwork, the responsibility, is out of their hands. This is simply wrong.

Maybe Bacalzo meant that the police now considers the gathering of solid evidence to be the definition of "case solved." This is even worse. That would make the PNP chief guilty of bureaucratic sleight of hand.

Much work remains to be done. The gathering of the necessary evidence to determine all those involved in the horrific crimes (and not only that of the unfortunate Evangelista) is still incomplete. (That bears repeating: Evidence-gathering is still ongoing.) The preparation of the strongest possible case has only begun. The trial has not even been scheduled. And the conviction of the guilty has not been secured. As the Carlos Garcia case before the Sandiganbayan proves, even the strongest possible evidence can be redefined as weak with the help of a cooperative prosecutor. In what sense, then, can the police say meaningfully that the case is solved?

The public has another standard with which to measure "solution." That's if the murderous carjackings actually stop. We are certain that both the PNP leadership and the rank-and-file share the public's concern about these sensational crimes and want a stop to them just as much as the public does—but can they guarantee that the developments last Friday have done just that?

The revelation that the alleged leader of the notorious car thieves, Raymond Dominguez, was allowed to post bail 19 times in different car theft cases should make Bacalzo reconsider his exuberance. How is it possible that the policemen who gather the evidence, the prosecutors who file the cases and the judges who approve the motions for bail can fail to see that this sorry record suggests a definite pattern of a criminal career?

"That is another thing that can also be investigated by our other agencies," Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Abigail Valte said the other day. "It's worth looking into as to what really happened to the 19 charges against him."

Again, the PNP's fast work in the last few days should be commended. The PNP's need to inform the public that decisive action is being taken is understood. But the PNP's language can be seriously misleading. The recent developments are a breakthrough, but they do not, at least not yet, mean Case Solved.



Amend Charter one provision at a time

As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

THE POLICE scheme to the current spate of lawlessness in the Philippines, because it cannot protect the citizens, is to allow guns so the citizens can protect themselves. [illegible]

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Crimes

There's the Rub

Conrado de Quiros

I SAW that photo of Efren Lozano and family in these pages last week and my heart went out to them. [illegible]

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Crimes that are never really solved—that is the biggest crime of all in this country.

The Cha-cha and plea bargain puzzles

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A three-way test

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Across the NATION
Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

Zamboanga Norte to ban open-pit mining

DIPOLOG CITY—Mineral-rich Zamboanga del Norte is poised to follow in the footsteps of South Cotabato in banning open-pit and open-cut land surface mining.



Landslide buries 6 houses, threatens Albay village

Catanduanes plants 32,000 trees in a day



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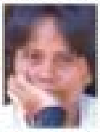
Not 'ningas kugon'



TWO DEGREE TREK

Woman hikes mountains to fight illegal loggers

PEOPLE



Another inmate captured

CHR files torture charges vs Baguio cop, assassin

More evidence

Witness challenged



Fire probe panel says no politics behind finding

Masbate rodeo to be held in April



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MMDA rehabs killer highway

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has taken steps to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians on Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City, dubbed the "killer highway" due to the high rate of accidents resulting in deaths or injuries in the area.

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Water pipe busted

Another leak reported

Sleepless in Marikina

Metro Citizen's call

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Bright light from TV endangers motorists

Leaking water pipe

Narrow street gets even narrower

Manila City gov't launches campaign for PWD rights



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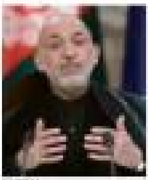
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1 nabbed in Makati payroll robbery

Once-feared Tunisian police join protesters

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Karzai backs down in dispute with Afghan MPs


KARZAI AP

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Irish prime minister quits as leader of ruling party

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Nepal takes command of Maoist army

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The WORLD

EU naval force: Piracy raids endanger hostages

Will not go the way of South Korea, Malaysia

NAIROBI, KENYA—Despite successful raids by Malaysian and South Korean navies that rescued two ships and their crew members from Somali pirates, the European Union Naval Force said it would not follow suit because such raids could further endanger hostages.

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Obama to press centrist agenda in 'Union' address

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New York Times News Service

UN envoy says pirates rarely face justice

WASHINGTON—[illegible]

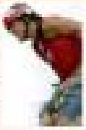
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Powers ponder next step after Iran nuke talks fail

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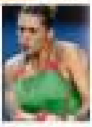
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GABE Freeman puts up a shot off the Dragons' Justin Leith and Nakiea Miller in yesterday's Game 1 at the PhilSports Arena.

Freeman lifts Patriots with big 36-point job

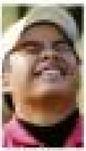
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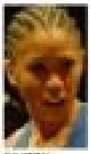
Wesley wins again, ties for lead

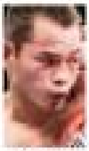
Sports scribes fete 14 major awardees March 5

By Cedelf P. Tupas


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JULATON


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Douthit lifts Gilas 5 over UAE's Sharjah



Kiefer Ravena: From Eaglet to Blue Eagle

Ateneo booters fight back, tie FEU Tams

TNT ace Reyes out of Game 3



Sad plight of two Olympic medalists

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Ronnie Nathanielsz



Gameday with Boom Gonzalez on Balls nightly at primetime


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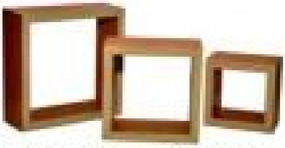
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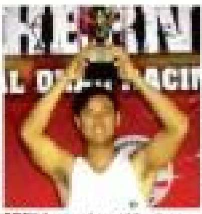
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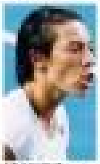
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Volatile trading seen

Dutch pension fund invests P2.25B in Century Properties

Move seen as 'vote of confidence' in property sector

By Daxim L. Lucas

ONE OF Europe's biggest fund managers has invested P2.25 billion in local Century Properties Inc., signifying a vote of confidence in the country's real estate sector, according to the company's officials.

In a statement released Friday, the privately held property developer said the investment of Dutch pension management firm Algemene Pensioen Groep N.V. (APG) would allow it to expand its real estate projects to take advantage of attractive market conditions.

"The investment by APG in Century Properties is a sign of [the investor's] confidence in the Philippine economy over the long term, and [its] trust in the management, track record and vision of Century," said company chair and CEO Jose E.B. Antonio.

"The investment of APG will allow Century to capitalize on the current high growth and low inflation environment of the Philippines, and allow [us] to further expand [the firm's] business plan of catering to the premium segment of multiple markets, through its delivery of innovative and quality developments," he added.

Based in the Netherlands, APG provides asset management services for pension funds. It has a pool of investment portfolios that caters mainly to Dutch clients in the education, civil service, construction, housing and utilities sectors.

According to the firm, it manages pension funds for more than 30,000 employers representing 4.4 million clients, equivalent to about 30 percent of all pensions in the European Union member nations. With assets under management of 266 billion euros, APG said it was one of the world's biggest pension asset managers.

"As a long-term strategic investor, APG has identified the real estate market in the Philippines as highly attractive," said APG's managing director for global real estate Patrick Kanners.

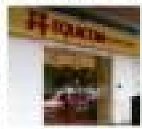
"We focus on building exposure to quality companies with a clear strategy, a strong and reliable management and a well-established track record," he added. "Our investment in Century Properties fits well in our carefully selected portfolio of Philippine and other companies."

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A New Formidable Player Emerges

Mr. Antonio Go Speaks Out





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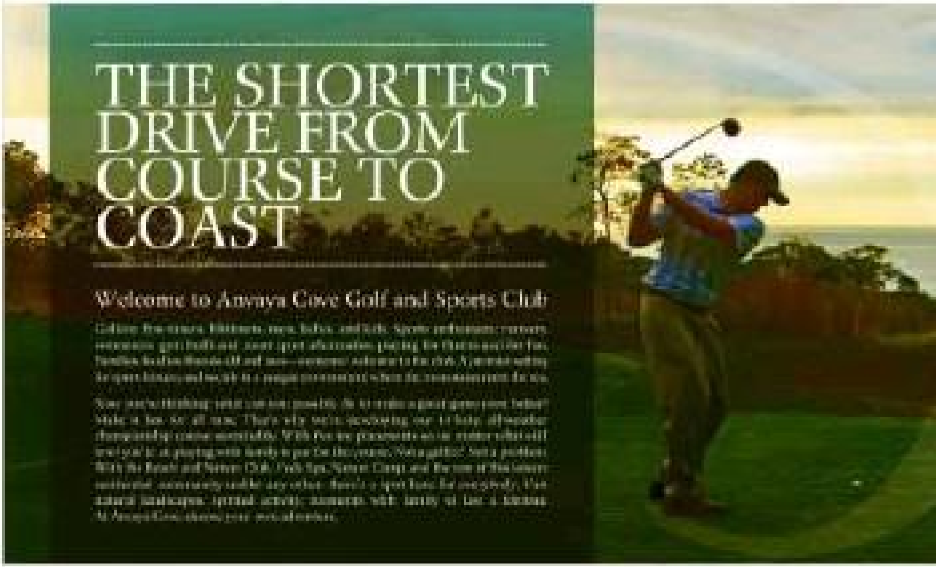
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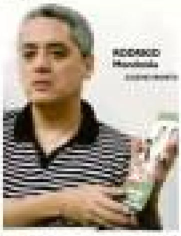
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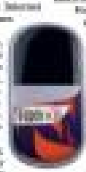


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By Paolo G. Montecillo



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Company to bid for projects under PPP framework

Gold mining projects advance on bullish outlook

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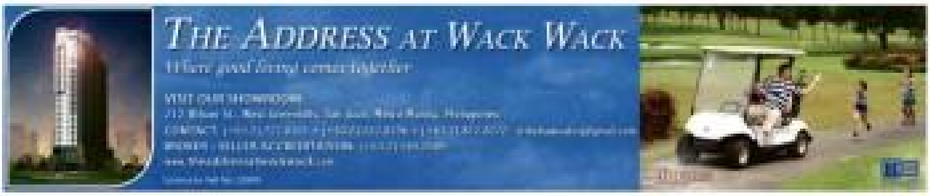
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Power charges seen to go down this year

Consumers may expect share in NGCP's savings

By Amy R. Remo

POWER CONSUMERS nationwide can expect electricity transmission charges to go down this year, after the Energy Regulatory Commission gave its provisional approval over the new annual revenue requirement of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines.

This means that the indicative equivalent transmission charge to its customers will go down by an overall average of P3.54 per kilowatt a month to P304.27 per kW this year, from a higher P[illegible] per kW in 2010.

On per grid basis, the average monthly reduction will be P2.39 per kW in Luzon, 9 centavos per kW in Visayas and P8.43 per kW in Mindanao.

Favorable impact

The indicative average monthly transmission charge for 2011 amounting to P304.27 per kW was inclusive of the Performance Incentive Scheme reward (PIS), the power delivery service (PDS) charge, system operator charge and metering service provider charge.

The new transmission charge formed part of NGCP's application for the third regulatory period covering years 2011 to 2015, under the performance-based regulation (PBR) scheme.

"We note that the PBR scheme adopted for the transmission sector is beginning to reflect a favorable impact in terms of price on electricity consumers brought about by the lower indicative transmission charges for 2011 and onward," said ERC executive director Francis Saturnino C. Juan.

January billing

"We expect that, with this ERC approval, NGCP will aim to be more efficient in its operations and aspire to deliver better quality power transmission services," Juan added.

NGCP, the private sector concessionaire that operates the power transmission system of the country, is expected to implement the reduced transmission charge starting its January 2011 billing.

According to NGCP's previous application, transmission charges are expected to go down further next year to P[illegible] per kW/mo; P[illegible] per kW/mo for 2013; P[illegible] per kW/mo for 2014; and P[illegible] per kW/mo in 2015.

Share in the savings

"The PBR scheme is proving to be a win-win proposition for both the electricity service provider and electricity consumers," ERC chair and CEO Zenaida G. Cruz-Ducut earlier said.

"NGCP as a regulated entity is assured of rates that will allow for cost-efficient operations and savings," Ducut explained.

"Electricity consumers on the other hand, can expect a more reliable and efficient transmission system and improved delivery of electricity and possibly a share in the savings generated by the NGCP."





Obama vows to shift economy into overdrive

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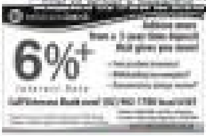
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'I do not see myself retiring in the future'


HENRY Chusuey

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

BORACAY ISLAND—Why build a hotel with a 1,200-square-meter pool when one of the world's best beaches is just a few steps away?

For Chinese-Filipino businessman Henry Chusuey, it's just a matter of knowing and catering to a diversified market especially in the world-famous Boracay Island.

"The hotel business is really just common sense. You provide what you, as a customer, would want and expect," says Chusuey.

This he has done well since 1998 when he ventured into the hotel business in the country's prime tourist destination.

The Iloilo-based Chusuey, chair and president of the Boracay Regency group, has built one of the biggest chains of hotels and resorts in Boracay and is expanding to other island destinations.

But Chusuey, 55, admits that while his family operated various businesses, he did not foresee being involved in the hotel industry especially in Boracay.

Chusuey's grandparents owned a grocery store in Iloilo City but this was burned down sometime in 1969. His parents also owned several movie theaters and at one time operated all the cinemas in downtown Iloilo City which he later took over.

A business degree graduate from the University of San Agustin in Iloilo City, Chusuey founded the Golden Wheels

TURN B2


THE BORACAY Regency group intends to expand to other islands.





It's complicated



Anticipating volatility key to funding in 2011



'I do not see myself retiring in the future'



Boracay Regency helped raise hotel standards in Boracay.

Why it pays to let staff work for others for free

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Brig. Gen. Cary Chun, highest-ranking Filipino-born general in the US Air Force ever

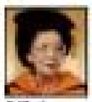


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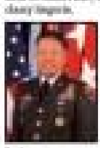
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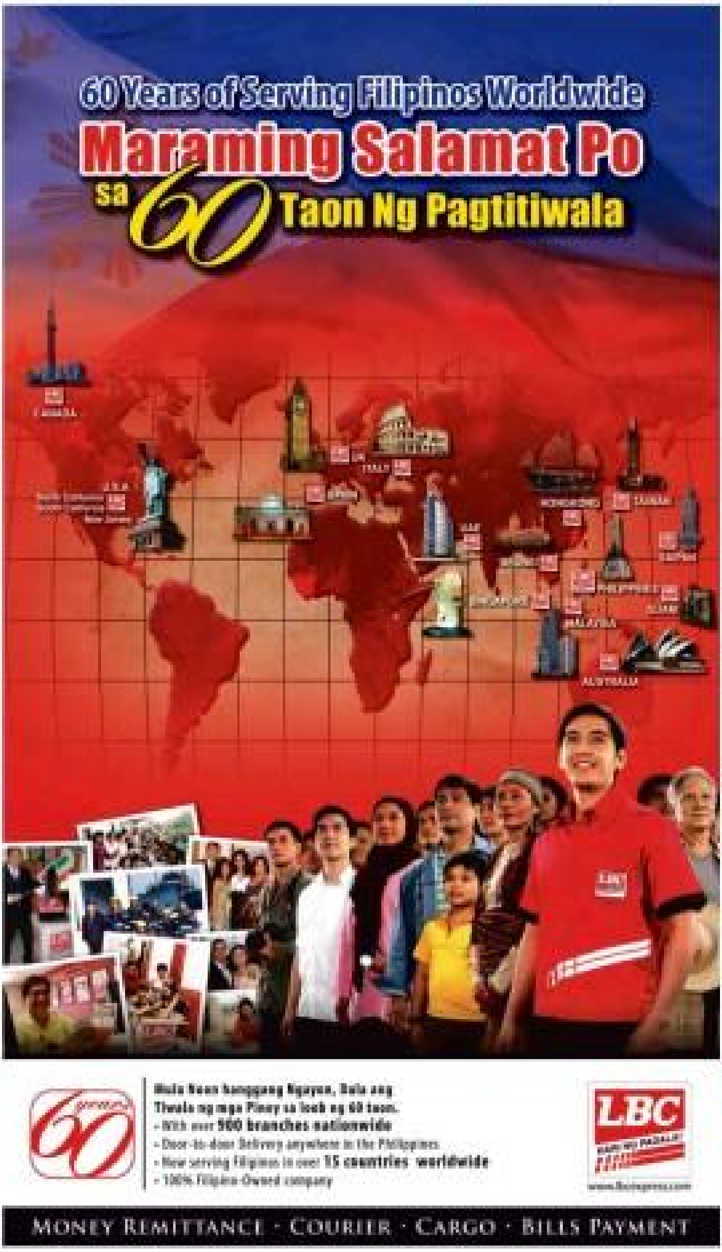


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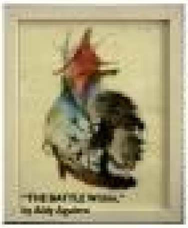
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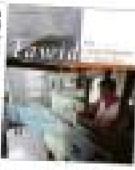


Illustrators at Manila Contemporary



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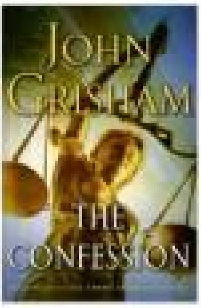




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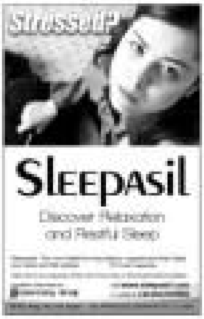
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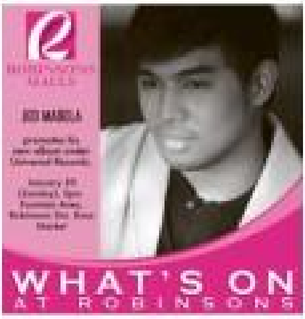

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20th century's first international war in the eyes of Hemingway, Saint-Exupéry, Cardozo, Koestler and other foreign correspondents









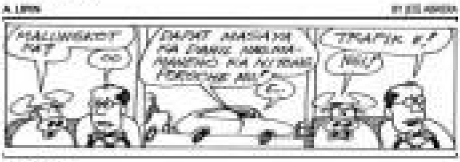




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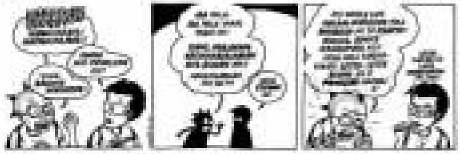
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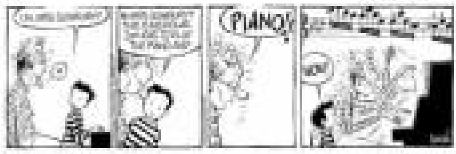
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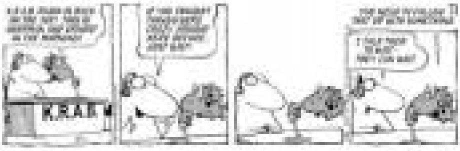


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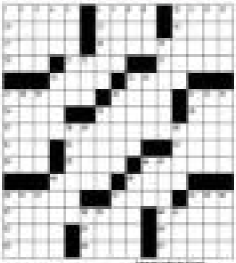
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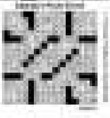
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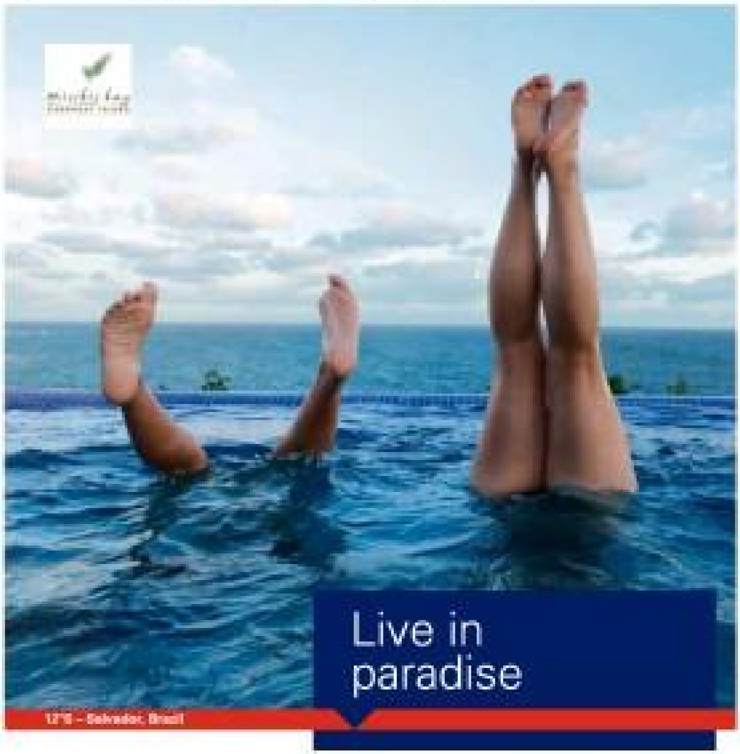
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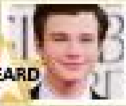
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CHRIS COLFER, accepting the Golden Globe Best Supporting Actor award for his role in the TV series "Glee": "I think I just dropped my heart between Natalie Portman and Julianne Moore. If anyone sees that, please give it back to me." AP

Temple Grandin: What the fuss is really about

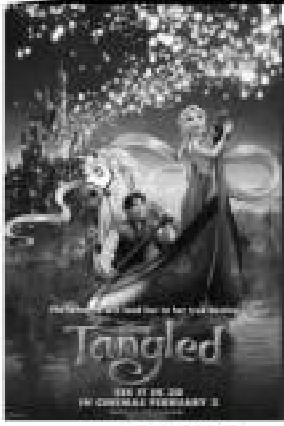
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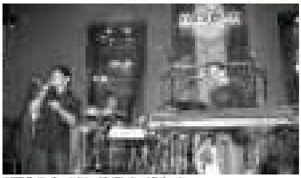




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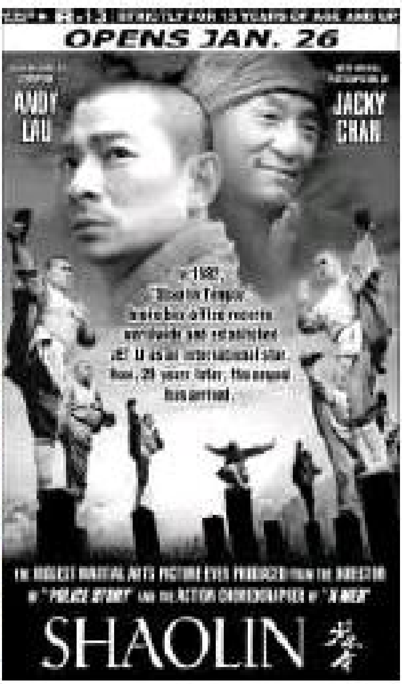


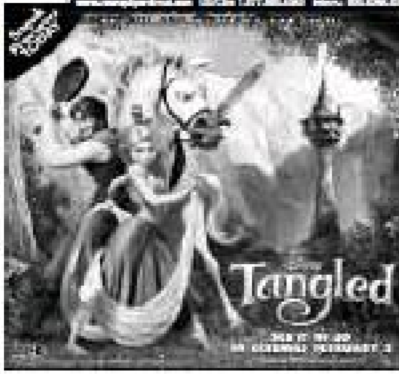

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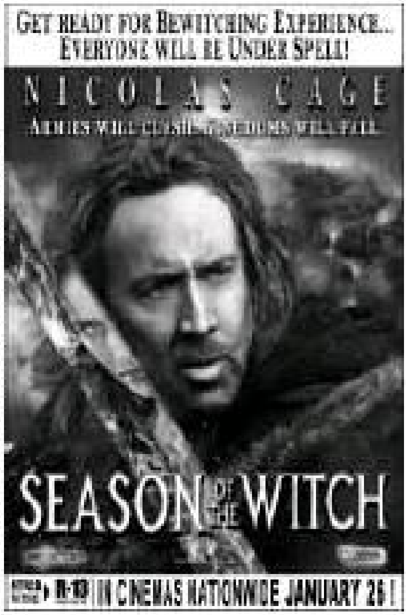


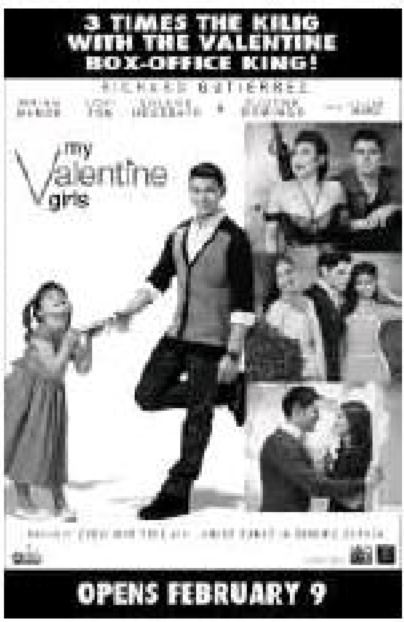

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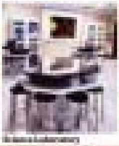
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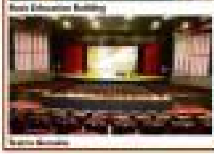


















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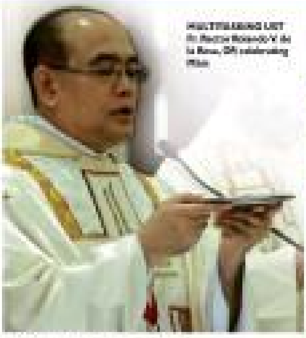


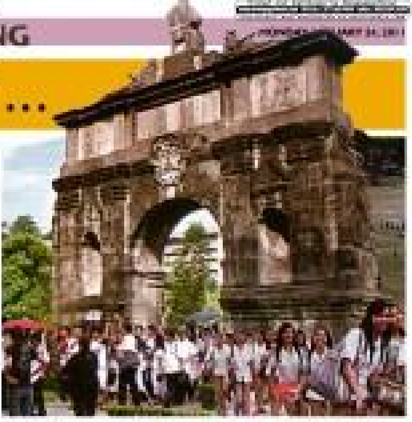
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